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*A Bill to enable Trustees to Sell Lands for Payment of the Debts of Sir Thomas Smith Baronet, deceased, (late a Member of the Honourable House of Commons) humbly desired to be passed into an Act of Parliament.*

The Bill }  
sets forth }

**T**hat the said Sir Thomas Smith was seized of divers Manors and Lands lying in the County Palatine of Chester, and in his life time contracted a great Debt to the value of 8000 l. or more; secured by Mortgages, Judgments, Statutes and Recognizances; To which the said Manors and Lands are Lyable.

That in the 20th Year of his now Majesties Reign, at a Sessions held at Chester, the said Sir Thomas Smith levied a Fine of all his Manors and Lands lying in the said County Palatine of Chester, unto Sir Robert Holt Baronet, Sir Hugh Smith Knight and Baronet, and William Booth Esq; and the Heirs of the said Sir Robert Holt; which by Indenture, dated the 17th of April, 20 nunc Regis, was declared to be, To the use of the said Sir Robert Holt, Sir Hugh Smith, and William Booth, and their Heirs; Nevertheless in Trust for the sole Use and Benefit of the said Sir Thomas Smith and his Heirs.

That the said Sir Thomas Smith, in May 1675. died, leaving issue Frances his only Daughter and Heir, then about eleven years old.

That the said Frances, by reason of her Infancy, cannot make Sale of any part of her Estate to raise Monies for the Payment of the said Debts, and yet is desirous the same may be paid, in regard the Interest, Costs and Charges, will otherwise eat into the Estate.

And therefore the said Frances [by the Advice of her Friends and Relations] prayeth the Aid of an Act of Parliament, That some particular Farms and Lands in the Bill, being about 400 l. per An. Rent, may be settled in Trustees, with intent to sell the same for payment of the said Debts. Which Trustees are Sir Tho. Meres Kt. Sir Tho. Skipwith Kt, Serjeant at Law, and Saint-John Bennet Esq;.



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On 2<sup>d</sup> Reading 4 to be on  
Saturday 3<sup>d</sup> of March  
all for sale of lands of  
J<sup>r</sup> the Smith  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>.